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Conference

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2021

Minsk time (GMT+3)

MONDAY / 28 JUNE 2021

14:00-14:30

Opening

14:30-16:00

ETHNOGRAPHY: SOURCES AND INTERPRETATIONS

Chair:

Maria Kaspina, Russian State University for Humanities, Museum of Jewish History in Russia, SEFER Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Russia

Alexander Ivanov, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia
Jewish collections from Belarus at the Russian Museum of Ethnography, St. Petersburg: history of formation and exposition (R)

Svetlana Amosova, Russian Academy of Sciences, Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, Russia
Burial and memorial traditions among Jews in Eastern Belarus and their reinterpretation by ethnic neighbours (R)

Anna Engelking, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
Jews in the eyes of Polesian peasants in the 1930s. Pre-war ethnographical fieldnotes as a source for research on antisemitism in the East Slavic countryside (B)

Anatolii Sinilo, Bohushevichy educational complex kindergarten - secondary school, Belarus
The Jews of the town of Bohushevichy through the eyes of their Belarusian neighbours (B)

16:00-16:10

Break

16:10-17:40

JEWISH COMMUNITY AND LEADERS DURING THE INTERWAR PERIOD

Chair:

Elissa Bemporad, City University of New York, USA

Mariia Gulakova, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia
The role of Samuil Zhitlovsky in the organization of the Ecuadorian Committee (R)

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Andrei Zamoiski, German War Graves Commission, Germany
Jews in health care in Soviet Belarus: the work of Jewish medical organisations in Belarus in the 1920s (R)

Isaac Slater, University of Hamburg, Germany
Shmuel Alexandrov and the rabbinical elite in interwar Belarus (E)

Anna Bazarevich, Braslav District Museum Association, Belarus
Contribution of the Jewish community to the socio-economic, cultural and religious life of Braslav in 1921-1939 (R)

17:40-18:00

Break

18:00-19:15

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HOLOCAUST

Chair:

Gabriel Finder, University of Virginia, USA

Veranika Laputska, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
Stalinist repressions and Khurbn: the cases of Kurapaty and Maly Traścianiec (E)

Sue Vice, University of Sheffield, UK
Hersh Smolar in Claude Lanzmann's Shoah outtakes (E)

Iryna Kashtalian, Leonid Levin History Workshop, Belarus
Life of Minsk Jews after the Holocaust (1944-1953) (B)

19:15-20:15

POSTER DISCUSSION

Chair:

Claire Le Foll, University of Southampton, UK

Inessa Gankina, Independent researcher, Belarus
Yiddish literature: current problems of social relevance, understanding and interpretation for intercultural communication in the Republic of Belarus (R)

Elena Denisenko, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Belarus
Books published by the Romm printing house in the collections of the National library of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus (R)

Natalya Ogorelysheva, Independent researcher, Belarus
Viktoryia Kirylytsava, European Humanities University, Lithuania
Jewish heritage in the region of Gomel: images and meanings (R)

Ioanna Reeves, Saving Heritage foundation, Belarus
Forgotten heritage: the Slonim Synagogue (E)

Iryna Ramanava, European Humanities University, Lithuania
Ida Shenderovich, Mogilev Jewish community, Belarus
The history of synagogues after the synagogues (R)

Samuel Ogden, University of Southampton, UK
Maly Trostenets and the destruction of the Jews of Belarus (E)

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Break

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KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Mikhail Krutikov, University of Michigan, USA
Belarusian landscapes in Jewish literature (R)

Chair:

Arkadi Zeltser, International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel

TUESDAY / 29 JUNE 2021

14:00-15:30

STABILITY AND CHANGE IN BELARUSIAN JEWRY

Chair:

Shaul Stampfer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Maria Cieřła, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
Jewish-Christian daily relations in the multireligious town of Słuck in the early modern Grand Duchy of Lithuania (E)

Jurgita Verbickienė, Vilnius University and Centre for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews, Lithuania
Trends and structure of habitation of Jews in the Minsk wojewodztwo. Analysis of the situation in the second part of the 18th century (E)

Ekaterina Oleshkevich, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
Trapped between tradition and modernity: changing attitudes of the Chabad admorim toward their book collection (E)

Margarita Kozhenewskaya, University of Warsaw, Poland
Between tradition and modernity: activities of women's Jewish charitable societies in education in Belarus in the second half of the 19th-early 20th century (R)

15:30-15:40

Break

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JEWISH ARTISTS IN BELARUS

Chair:

Alexander Ivanov, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia

Anna Shimelevich, Belarusian State Academy of Arts, Belarus
Book illustration in the work of Solomon Yudovin (R)

Anna Klimovich, European Humanities University, Lithuania
Beshenkovichy: an attempt to recreate the image of the shtetl based on Solomon Yudovin's legacy (R)

Alina Silina, State Archives of Vitebsk Region, Belarus
Mark Malkin, one of the students of the Vitebsk People Art School (R)

16:55-17:20

Break

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JEWISH MATERIAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE IN BELARUS

Chair:

Ruth Ellen Gruber, Jewish Heritage Europe, UK

Iryna Makhovskaya, Belarusian State University, Belarus
Mir ghetto. Perception, memory and museification (R)

Vladimir Levin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Synagogues in Belarus: representation, coexistence, alterations (E)

Mikhail Vasilyev, SEFER Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Russia
Exploring and cataloguing Jewish cemeteries in Belarus and Eastern Europe (Sefer epigraphic expeditions 2012–2018) (R)

Sergei Busko, Belarusian State University, Belarus
Jewish cultural heritage in the guided sightseeing practice of the Republic of Belarus in the 21st century (R)

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AFTER THE VOID: HISTORY AND MEMORY OF THE BELARUSIAN SHTETL AFTER 1945

Chair:

Vladimir Levin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Magdalena Waligórska, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
The lost Belarusian shtetl in the West- and East-European memorial paradigms (E)

Alexander Friedman, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
Viktoryia Latyshava, Belarusian State University, Belarus
The Holocaust in Beshenkovichy: history and perceptions after 1945 (R)

Ina Sorkina, University of Warsaw, Poland
The shtetl in contemporary cultural memory: based on field research in Grodno region (R)

20:15-20:30

Break

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ROUNDTABLE ON 'JEWISH HERITAGE IN BELARUS: CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES'

Chair:

Magdalena Waligórska, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Galina Levina, Leonid Levin Creative Workshop, Belarus (R)

Maya Katznelson, Belarusian-Jewish Cultural Heritage Center, Belarus (R)

Michele Migliori, Jewish Heritage Europe and Bar Ilan University, Israel (E)

Stsiapan Stureika, Belarusian ICOMOS Committee and European Humanities University, Lithuania (R)

WEDNESDAY / 30 JUNE 2021

15:00-16:30

JEWS IN INTERWAR WESTERN BELARUS

Chair:

Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and New York University, USA

Boris Czerny, University of Caen Normandy, France
The Jewish population of Brest Litovsk during the period of German occupation 1915–1918 (R)

Olga Shchuka, Konyukhov educational complex nursery - secondary school, Belarus
Activities of the 'Jewish State Thought Club' in Western Belarus (R)

Yanina Karpenkina, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia
Trade, Jews, and the Soviets (Western Belarus, 1939-1941) (R)

Eyal Miller, National Library of Israel, Israel
The Jewish press in Belarus in the interwar period (E)

16:30-16:40

Break

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BELARUSIANS AND JEWS IN LITERATURE

Chair:

Mikhail Krutikov, University of Michigan, USA

Natallia Bakhanovich, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Belarus
Belarusian tolerance through the images of people of other faiths in the multilingual literature of Belarus of the 19th century (B)

Natallia Pysko, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Belarus
Belarusian-Jewish everyday life in the late 19th-early 20th century in the novel "In the Dense Forests" by Zmitrok Byadulya (B)

Gennadi Estrai kh, New York University, USA
Yiddish literary life in post-war Belarus (R)

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Break

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BELARUSIAN TOWNS AND PLACES IN JEWISH LITERATURE

Chair:

Gennadi Estrai kh, New York University, USA

Rafi Tsirkin-Sadan, Open University of Israel, Israel
The city of Homel: laboratory of Hebrew modernism (R)

Yaakov Herskovitz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
"I know a town in White Russia, on the Dnieper": the invention of Shklov by Zalman Shneur (E)

Lana Kupiec, University of Caen Normandy, France
Stratas of memory: Pinsk and the Belarussian countryside in Julius Margolin's eight chapters on childhood (E)

Siarhej Šupa, Radio Liberty, Czech Republic
Kulbak's geography: real and imaginary (B)

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ROUNDTABLE ON 'JEWS IN AND FROM BELARUS: PAST AND FUTURE'

Chair:

Iryna Ramanava, European Humanities University, Lithuania (R)

Vladimir (Ze'ev) Khanin, Israeli Ministry for Aliya and Integration and Institute for Euro-Asian Jewish Studies, Israel (R)

Alexander Friedman, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany (R)

Tatiana Shchytsova, European Humanities University, Lithuania (R)

21:00

Closing remarks